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Title: Process and Apparatus for Recovery  
of Non-Ferrous Metals from Zinc  
Residues

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Copies of the documents cited and required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 are enclosed.

Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report and Written Opinion, as well as a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, prepared in a corresponding International Application. Documents cited in said reports were previously submitted. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report and Written Opinion, as well a copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, prepared in commonly owned International Application No. PCT/EP2004/006238, which application contains similar subject matter. The documents cited in said reports are also cited herein and copies are enclosed as appropriate. Finally, enclosed is a copy of two Office Actions that have issued to date in co-pending, commonly owned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/562,347 (U.S. Publication No. 2007-0125197), which application contains similar subject matter.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

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**The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.**

Respectfully submitted,

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